trimer strand[ from a collectin molecule],

erein said <u>first trimer</u> ligand strand is substituted for native carbohydrate recognition domains (CRD) of the collectin molecules <u>of the second trimer strand</u>, and

wherein said conjoined <u>TNFSF</u>-collectin strands <u>are</u> covalently bound in parallel to each other <u>within the stalk region</u>,

[therein] thereby forming a multimeric fusion protein comprising a plurality of trimeric hybrid polypeptide strands radiating from a covalently bound center hub of the molecule, the free end of each trimeric radiating strand having a TNFSF trimer moiety attached.

8. The multimeric fusion protein according to claim [6] 7, wherein the TNFSF trimer moiety is one selected from the group consisting of ligands of the tumor necrosis factor super family LTA, TNF, LTB, and TNFSF4 to TNFSF 18 [as in Table II] as cited by the Human Gene Nomenclature Committee, modifications thereof, and their immuno-stimulatory functional equivalents[, and modifications thereof].

## **DRAWINGS**

The Examiner has requested drawing corrections as required by the draftsperson.

Corrected drawings are attached.